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 David J. Robson, et al.) Before the Examiner
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 IMPROVEMENTS IN OR)
 RELATING TO ABSORPTION)
 OF HYDROPHOBIC WATER-)
 IMMISCIBLE LIQUIDS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 8, line 1, please delete the number "7" and substitute therefor the number --1--.

In claim 9, line 1, please delete the number "7" and substitute therefor the number --1--.

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Please add the following new claim:

--25. The method of claim 1 in which the esterification of the hydroxyl groups of